

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

Forest Department – Diversion of 13.04 ha. of forest land in Lankalapally & Vedanthapuram RFs of Khammam Divison for construction of Flood Flow Canal from Venkamma Cheruvu, Aswaraopeta Village to feed MI tank of Dabbathogu, Asupaka village of Khammam District in favour of E.E., IBD, Khammam – **Final (Stage.II) approval** accorded – Orders – issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE &TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 26

Dated: 10-07-2017

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF, A.P., Hyd. Lr.Rc.No.17172/2006-F1, dt.27-06-2008.
2. Govt. Letter No.5152/FOR.I (1)/2008, EFS&T (For.I) Dept.  
Dated:22-07-2008.
3. From Govt. of India, MoEF, Bangalore, Lr.No.4-APC520/2008-BAN/3130, Dt. 22.10.2008.
4. From PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Lr.Rc.No.17172/2006/FCA-1,  
Dated:22.03.2017.
5. Govt. Letter No.5152/FOR.I (1)/2008, EFS&T (For.I) Dept.,  
Dated:20-04-2017.
6. From Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, Chennai, Lr.No.4-APC520/2008-BAN/0788, Dt:24.05.2017.

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In the letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), A.P., Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 13.04 ha. of forest land in Lankalapally & Vedanthapuram RFs of Khammam Divison for construction of Flood Flow Canal from Venkamma Cheruvu, Aswaraopeta Village to feed MI tank of Dabbathogu, Asupaka villages in Khammam district in favour of E.E., IBD, Khammam.

2. In the letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, Bangalore have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.
3. In the letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above, the State Government have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by Government of India, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in his letter 4<sup>th</sup> read above, to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Bangalore for according necessary approval.
4. In the letter 6<sup>th</sup> read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.
5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of 13.04 ha. of forest land in Lankalapally & Vedanthapuram RFs of Khammam Division for construction of Flood Flow Canal from Venkamma Cheruvu, Aswaraopeta Village to feed MI tank of Dabbathogu, Asupaka village of Khammam district in favour of E.E., IBD, Khammam under section-2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. The demarcation of the proposed forest are shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.

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- iii. The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over 13.04 ha in Sy No.631/2 at Tirumalakunta Village, Aswaraopet Mandal of Bhadravati Kothagudem District at the cost of user agency.
- iv. Identified CA land and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- v. Non-forest land which is transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act. The Nodal Officer must report compliance within a period of 6 months from the date of grant of final approval and send a copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the local Forest Act as the case may be, to this office for information and record;
- vi. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency.
- vii. Since the proposed canal bifurcates forest land, culverts / bridges across the canal are required to be constructed to facilitate movement of wild animals and protection staff. Therefore, culverts / bridges shall be constructed by the user agency at the locations specified by the DFO concerned.
- viii. The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible instead of felling at the cost of user agency. Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- ix. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- x. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- xi. Least disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the UA to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.
- xii. Planting of native tree species shall be undertaken in vacant land along the canal.
- xiii. The State Forest Department shall have free rights to use the approaches / roads, rest house, water for nursery / forest works without any hindrance.
- xiv. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 13.04 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
- xv. User agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being inforce, as applicable to the project.

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- xvi. Any other conditions that the Central Government (or) Addl. PCCF (Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.
- xvii. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad, is therefore directed to take further necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),  
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

**Copy to:**

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The Chief Executive Officer, Ad-hoc (CAMPA), 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Block No.3, CGO Complex, New Delhi – 110 003  
The Executive Engineer, IBD, Khammam.  
The PS to Hon'ble M(F&E).  
The PS to Prl. Secy. to Govt., EFS&T Department.  
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